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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 0427

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, MX, CA  
SUBJ: U.S./MEXICAN/CANADIAN RELATIONS

REF: A) MEXICO 809; B) MEXICO 1275

1. ACCORDING TO DEREK FRASER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, LATIN AMERICAN DIVISION, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS RECEIVED TWO REPORTS FROM CANADIAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY ON MEXICAN INTEREST IN CONCEPT OF LATIN AMERICAN UNION. ONE WAS ACCOUNT OF CANADIAN AMBASSADOR LANGLEY'S CONVERSATION WITH DEOLLOQUI SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, AND OTHER WAS SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 2 EXCELSIOR STORY ON POSSIBLE CARTER, TRUDEAU, LOPEZ PORTILLO MEETING THIS MONTH.

2. DEOLLOQUI TOLD LANGLEY THAT MEXICO HAD FOSTERED IN RECENT YEARS CLOSE TIES WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN STATES AND HAD STRESSED ITS ROLE AS A THIRD WORLD NATION, AND THAT IT WAS NOW TIME FOR MEXICO TO "BALANCE" THESE EFFORTS BY GIVING GREATER EMPHASIS TO ITS RELATIONS WITH U.S. AND CANADA. DEOLLOQUI WAS APPARENTLY VAGUE ON WHAT FORM THIS EMPHASIS WOULD TAKE. IN RESPONSE, LANGLEY SIMPLY  
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INDICATED GOC WAS OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS AND WAS DESIROUS OF ESTABLISHING CLOSER RELATIONS WITH MEXICO, AS EVIDENCED BY TRUDEAU'S VISIT TO MEXICO CITY LAST YEAR.

3. COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW, CANADIANS WILL HAVE LITTLE INTEREST IN ANY NORTH AMERICAN UNION, AT LEAST IN ANY

INSTITUTIONALIZED FORM. WHEN AMBASSADOR RAISED THIS  
SUBJECT WITH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JAMIESON SEVERAL  
DAYS AGO, LATTER INDICATED HE HAD NO HEARD OF IT, BUT  
SAID IDEA STRUCK HIM AS STRANGE AS CROSS-  
BORDER PROBLEMS OF CANADA AND MEXICO WITH U.S. ARE  
QUITE DIFFERENT. DEREK FRASER ALSO GAVE US IMPRESSION  
GOC PREFERS TO DEAL WITH MEXICO ON BILATERAL, NOT  
TRIPARTITE, BASIS. HE NOTED PARTICULARLY THAT  
THERE IS ALREADY A JOINT CANADIAN-MEXICAN BIENNIAL  
COMMITTEE AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND THAT THERE ARE  
ANNUAL VISITS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF TWO COUNTRIES.  
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